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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET, US Grade A, Week Ending 20-Dec-02

DATE	PRODUCTION (000)	ICE-PACKED, MULTI-DROP, IMMEDIATE DELIVERY			
	<u>Actual Slaughter</u>	<u>Live Weight</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Weighted Price</u>	<u># of Boxes</u>
12/16	2,259	5.17	47-66	55.26	6,928
12-17	2,399	5.17	46-63	53.39	8,581
12-18	1,868	5.05	45-66	53.83	7,720
12-19	2,326	5.09	47-66	56.03	6,107
12-20	2,258	5.12	45-66	55.42	6,917
Weekly	11,110	5.12	Cumulative:	54.67	36,253

NEGOTIATED TRADING, USDA GRADE A WHOLE ICE-PACKED, Week of 23-Dec-02

Weighted Averages for:	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
New York	52.29	50.61	46.91
Chicago	48.49	44.87	47.72
Detroit	48.83	44.33	49.00
Los Angeles	65.94	65.10	65.43
12-City Composite	57.12	53.89	55.85

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Ice-Packed, Delivered first receivers, pool and trucklot volumes, cents per pound, Week Ending 20-Dec-02

	<u>Weekly Weighted Average Price</u>	<u>Total Volume/Pounds</u>
Breast - B/S	128.66	2,087,075
Tenderloins	106.50	551,541
Breast - With Ribs	66.28	887,864
Breast - Line Run	63.41	620,320
Legs	30.16	1,354,880
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	18.06	1,870,288
Drumsticks	26.47	558,480
Thighs	31.17	248,900
B/S Thighs	63.66	327,340
Wings (Whole)	50.92	855,360

(Includes NY City metro area, RI, Northern NJ, MA, CT, PA (NE of Harrisburg))

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED (000), Week Ending 14-Dec-02

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>	<u>10-Weeks Prior</u>	<u>7-Weeks Prior</u>
Eggs Set	203,843	200,727	207,067	193,026	181,218
Chicks Placed	162,745	161,965	166,079	156,653	156,550

SLAUGHTER OF YOUNG CHICKENS UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, W/E 14-DEC-02

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
Head (000)	154,894	151,980	154,764
Average Live Weight	5.09	5.13	5.08
To Date 2002 (000)	7,725,795	7,570,901	-----
To Date 2001 (000)	7,674,977	7,520,213	-----

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE: Total frozen poultry supplies on 11/30/02 were down 24% from last month but were 19% above last year's level. Total stocks of chicken were down 8% from last month but were 16% above last year. Total pounds of turkeys in freezers decreased 47% from last month but were 27% above last year.

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